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Dear Dave

I shall imitate you this one and fill a page. The Corsair sails on Friday and my fast day sermon is not yet written up. It is a vast one I assume you, on french Revol.ⁿ (What w^d. it be if it wasn't on that?) Fourierism, Socialism &c &c. as philosophical as the Wilhelm Meister and as heterodog as Beman on — what was it? it must have been heterodog whatever it was, if he wrote it.

I have been unanimously asked to stay by the Church, & will be invited over again next Monday by the parish — salary \$300 the first year & 700 the following, they promise presents to make up an extra hundred. So I shall have bread to eat & a little to spare. I feel a good deal worn out as the spring opens; I shall go to Phila^a next week and stay til May. In some respect, happier than hitherto, but without hope and without genuine enjoyment in life. Die bessere Zeit kommt noch. Watchman what of the night? I have ceased to wish for your return, for I am so changed that your bright, fresh spirit would cease to love my dark & worn out spirit as soon as we met.

I rec^d your kind letter from the Val
What's its name - and wd^l Ans. it if it were
within six miles of me; ~~however~~ I shall
try to send you with this some papers containing
an act of the Revolution. It occurred nearly
on Washington's Birthday - but that's nothing.
Much more significant is it that it is a
revolution not for war, nor for glory, nor for
insult, nor for anything but bread - hence
people say Fourierism is at the bottom of it
& I heartily hope it is, then we will see Socialism
fair tried & miseraft & miseries &
all sorts of physical evils disappear &
if only the whole runs, mankind will
be glorified, and the Savior of mankind
also. God guides all things. The Lord
reigneth, and all men are born free
equal are two good watchwords.
But if I could more I cannot
write finish my scum.

With much love - and with
sincere regards to your friends

Love yours
Peter.

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